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1. Defense maneuvers were held in Banja Luka on 18 and 19 December 1950. The military garrison of Banja Luka, numbering about 2500 soldiers, and some 3000 members of semi-military organizations took part. The semi-military organizations include the Red Cross, the Fighters' Federation, the Pre-Military Training Committee, physical culture organs, the PHZ (Chemical Defense) and the PAZ (Anti-Aircraft Defense). In addition approximately 2000 local inhabitants were forcibly mobilized for the maneuvers which simulated the attack and defense of Banja Luka.
2. Garrison troops executed feigned tactical fighting; the Red Cross elements were in charge of sanitary services; the people's technical organization built fortifications and the Fighters' Federation organized internal political services. Pre-military training members divided into attack and defense elements, acted as mine-laying units and parachutists.
3. Similar maneuvers are reportedly being held by all major garrisons in Bosnia-Herzegovina while a special military commission takes note of successes and mistakes. The maneuvers held in Banja Luka were considered to have been successful and the city has reportedly received an official commendation.

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